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In re Application of KAPLAN et al :  
U.S. Application No.: 10/584,968 :  
PCT Application No.: PCT/US2005/036987 :  
Int. Filing Date: 13 October 2005 : COMMUNICATION  
Priority Date Claimed: 13 October 2004 :  
Attorney Docket No.: ANVIL.001BNP1 :  
For: STEPPED BALLOON CATHETER FOR :  
TREATING VASCULAR BIFURCATIONS :

This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for consideration of issues arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

On 13 October 2005, applicant filed international application PCT/US2005/036987, which claimed priority of an earlier United States application filed 13 October 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States would have expired on 13 April 2007.

On 30 June 2006, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission listed the attorney docket number as "ANVIL.001BNP1" and was assigned U.S. Application Number 10/584,968.

On 30 June 2006, applicant also filed three additional sets of purported national stage papers with the DO/EO/US. The submissions listed the following attorney docket numbers and were assigned the following respective U.S. Application Numbers:

<u>Attorney Docket Number</u>	<u>U.S. Application Number</u>
"ANVIL.001BNP2"	10/584,969
"ANVIL.001BNP3"	10/584,963
"ANVIL.001BNP4"	10/585,221

On 13 November 2006, this Office mailed a communication which stated that the existence of plural U.S. national stage applications for a single international application is improper.

In accordance with the communication mailed 13 November 2006, the serializations of U.S. Application Numbers 10/584,969, 10/584,963, and 10/585,221 are hereby VACATED.

The present application is being forwarded to the DO/EO/US for continued processing.

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